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UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS.

THE New York *Evening Post* states that a canvassing committee of the alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has been formed, in connection with a plan to raise an endowment fund. It is said that \$1,500,000 already has been pledged, and that every one of the thirty-seven classes graduated from the institute will be organized to contribute annually a certain fixed sum. The purpose is to make the institute independent financially, and thus check the movement for a union with Harvard.

THE Drapers' Company have discharged the debt of University College, London, to the bankers to the amount of £30,000. The treasurer has received from Messrs. Wernher, Beit and Co. their check for £10,000, promised to promote the incorporation of the college in the university. For the completion of the incorporation scheme, there remains the sum of £18,000 to be raised.

The Medical Record states that recently several foreign missionary societies in this country and England agreed to establish jointly a school of high rank in China for the instruction of natives in the principles of modern medicine and surgery. In accordance with the scheme a medical college is now under construction. The cost is estimated at \$50,000. Toward this the Dowager Empress has contributed about \$6,000. Subscriptions are now being sought from high Chinese officials, who are expected to follow the example of the Empress. There will be a five-year course, and the school will have authority to confer the degree of doctor of medicine upon students who complete this course and pass the examination successfully. The training will be regardless of creed, but the bulk of the students at first will naturally be christians.

THE total number of matriculated students during the present summer at the German universities is 39,581, against 37,881 last winter and 37,813 during the summer of 1903. Ten years ago the attendance was about 11,000 less than to-day. Eleven thousand seven hundred and seventy-five of the present students study law, 8,111 philology and history, 5,945 medicine, 5,945 mathematics or natural sci-

ences, 2,235 evangelical theology, and 1,770 Catholic theology.

THE Seminary for Oriental Languages at Berlin has, during the present summer course, 156 students. Of these, 70 are jurists, 45 are candidates for the diplomatic and consular service, 29 are scientists, teachers and members of the philosophical faculty, 18 are Government officials, merchants and private persons, 19 are officials of the Federal post-office department, 13 are army officers, 2 are physicians, 3 are theologians, and 2 are technicians. The number of foreigners is 10.

PROFESSOR A. MARSTON has been appointed dean and G. W. Bissell, vice-dean of the Division of Engineering of the Iowa State College, both retaining their chairs as heads of their respective departments. Professor L. E. Ashbaugh has been appointed associate professor of civil engineering and W. M. Wilson, assistant professor of mechanical engineering. A new assistant professorship of electrical engineering has been created, but the position is as yet unfilled. The last legislature has established an Engineering Experiment Station for which the trustees have appointed the following staff: A. Marston, director; G. W. Bissell, L. B. Spiney, S. W. Beyer, W. H. Meeker and the president of the college, Dr. A. B. Storms, *ex-officio*. Last year's enrollment in the engineering division of the college was 675.

DR. H. B. TORREY has been promoted to an assistant professorship of zoology at the University of California.

J. BURT MINER, Ph.D. (Columbia), has been appointed instructor in philosophy in the University of Iowa.

THE managers of the Philip Walker Fund have elected Mr. J. Henderson Smith, B.R., Balliol College, of Oxford University (M.B. Edin.), to the Philip Walker studentship for three years. This is the first election to the studentship, which has only been founded during the past year for the furtherance of original research in pathology.

BARON VON EISELBERG, professor of surgery in the University of Vienna, has declined an invitation to succeed Professor König in the corresponding chair at Berlin.